

EDITORIALS

(Here is Wilfrid Dellquist's editorial, "In the Hearts of the People," as it appeared last September during the annual observance of Constitution Week. Dellquist's editorial was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal last week by the Freedoms Foundation during ceremonies in Valley Forge.)

In the Hearts of the People

CONSTITUTION WEEK SPECIAL
By Wilfrid Dellquist

This is our Constitution. It is not just a scroll inscribed with words and covered by a glass case for the peering eyes of generations.

It is the outpouring of the hearts of men and women determined to win their freedom and hopeful that their children will preserve it.

It came out of the maelstrom of revolution, swirling over hills into the wide valleys of the new Republic.

It sang our hymn of liberation, robust, challenging, sonorous. We are the people, it said, and, under God, our will shall guide our destinies. We shall worship in our own way. We shall suffer no tyranny, save the tyranny of our ignorance. We are the people. Each of us is an individual endowed with equality before the law and shielded by the armor of our sacred rights.

This is our Constitution, our hymn of freedom. It is written with the blood of our ancestors, punctuated by the graves of those who gave it birth.

Followers of the Nazarene, progeny of Moses, children of the African forests, the rich, the poor, the sorrow laden, gather with us here. You are all as one with us. Kneel beneath the warming sun of liberty, and rise to face tomorrow with the noblest accolade: American.

Another Day, Another Dollar

"Another day, another dollar!" That was a common expression when grandfather hitched up his suspenders, grabbed his lunch pail, and set forth to wait for the horse-car to take him to his work at the factory. The noon whistle was balm to tired muscles, and brought anticipation of the Sunday picnic, the band concert in the park, or a happy day at the ball game.

Six dollars a week for twelve hours a day, and the 19th century was dying on the vine, warmed by a sun that had seen the birth of a great new republic creeping westward with the passing of the years.

Fifty short years unwinding on the reel of time, and grandson is grumbling at his meager sixty dollars a week, wondering whether he can keep up the payments on his deep-freezer.

During that quickly passing span of existence, science brought miracles of material progress, like a genie reaching into a bag of magic. Comfort, safety and luxury poured blessings into the lap of the average man. As the decades pass in review, the most heartening note is evidence that there was correlating spiritual progress.

The conscience of society was not stilled: Men developed a deeper realization of their obligation to each other. The base of democracy was widened. Women were given their right to vote. More people than ever participated in the decisions of their government. The scourges of ill-health were fought with substantial success, life-expectancy lengthened. The ideals of social justice were, in many ways, implemented.

War still menaces us, but it is no longer regarded as a glorious adventure. It is recognized as a horrible calamity that honest people everywhere are sincerely trying to prevent.

Let's be thankful to be alive, and thankful that we have gone so far from the old cry, "Another day, another dollar!"

LAW IN ACTION

JUROR CHALLENGES

You may feel that the court doubts your honesty and fairness when it excuses you from jury service after a lawyer challenges you. This is not so. The fact that a lawyer challenges and a judge excuses does not reflect upon you.

When you are a party to a law suit, you want and can have a jury of twelve impartial men and women to try your case. You want your case to rest on the law as fairly stated by the judge and on the evidence put in the record. This is the kind of jury that lawyers and judges seek when they quiz a jury panel.

CHALLENGES FOR CAUSE There are good reasons why you might not be a fair juror in a given case. You may be a close relative of one of the parties. You may do business with one of the lawyers or personally know about the case. You may show some leaning, one way or the other that would make it hard for

you to give a strictly impartial verdict.

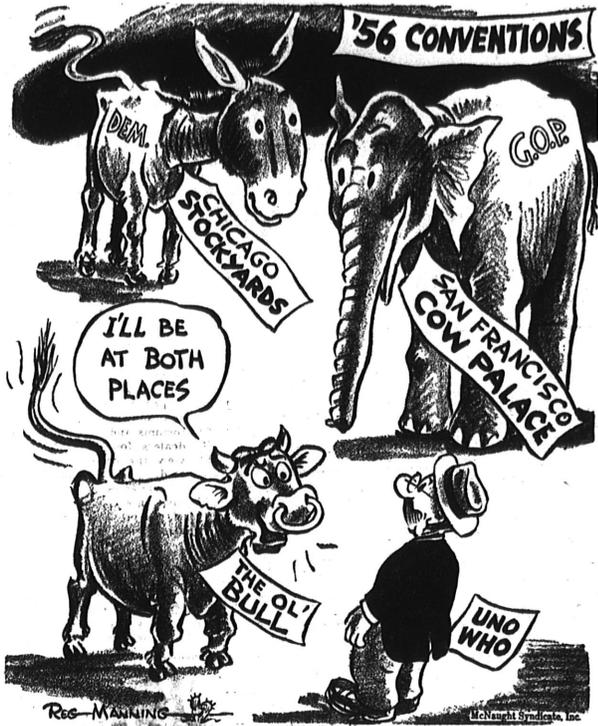
PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES

Sometimes there is nothing to show a bias; yet a lawyer may ask in a limited number of cases to have a panel member excused. He does this under the "peremptory" challenges allowed his client. He does not have to give a reason for such challenges. As a rule, he uses a peremptory challenge when he feels something that something lies in a person's background to sway his judgment, even while honestly trying to be fair.

Selecting a jury, you can see, is one of the most vital steps in a trial. The future may sometime disclose a better way to weigh truth and do justice, but for some hundreds of years now nobody has thought of one. A jury trial is so important, in fact, that our state and national constitutions protect that right.

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Don't Worry 'Bout The Bovine



The Freelancer Of All Things

By TOM BISCHKE, Herald Staff Writer

I'm a California driver. So what, you say. So are you!

I'm one up on you. I was a California driver before I came to California. But I've found that a California driver in Nebraska, where I come tickets than a California driver in Nebraska, where I come from.

People from other states cuss and discuss California drivers, and gasp at their daring. Midwesterners and Easterners creep around hairpin curves, but when a California driver comes along all they see is a rainbow-hued streak.

"We're real cautious on those curves," a Midwesterner remarked. "But California drivers zoom right around them and you, and sneer as they go by."

There's no doubt about it. California's are some of the most daring drivers, barring those at auto races. On the whole, though, they're pretty good, and much more courteous than in many other parts of the country.

Out here, the pedestrian is the cock of the walk. Brakes screech, motors rattle, and traffic halts as mama toddlers her little tothead across the street. In the East, many people have literally given their lives in a vain effort to cross the street during rush hours.

Man is whizzing along faster and faster, and where this craze to go fast is going to end, nobody knows.

A glance at the history books shows us that a Frenchman named Nicholas Cugnot designed the first self-propelled vehicle in 1769. It whizzed along at a dizzying speed of 2 1/2 miles per hour. It had to stop every 100 feet to get up more steam.

As time marched on, more and more people tried to make whizmobiles.

One of the earliest attempts was a dogmobile, powered by an unwilling canine, who was supposed to run around a wheel, thus moving the vehicle.

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gree unequalled in modern times.

His competitors, however, weren't standing around holding their wrenches, and Chevrolet, Chrysler, Whippet, Buick, Star, Durant, Essex and others made the race pretty hot for Ford.

Chevrolet made it so hot. In fact, that they overtook Henry's lead, and until last year were the unquestioned leaders in the auto production field. Last year Henry's grandson, Henry II, really stepped things up at Ford, and the two made it a race down to the wire.

It ended in a photo-finish, and the pictures haven't developed yet.

At any rate, America has become the most road and auto-minded part of the world and, outside of Detroit, Los Angeles County is probably its most auto-conscious area. This county has more autos speeding along its highways than 41 of the 48 states.

The county has some 2,000,000 autos, more than the states of Washington, Oregon and Nevada together, while the state, with some 4,800,000, leads the entire nation both in cars on the road and gas used up. In the country at large, there are some 46,000,000 cars now being driven.

The power driving the motorist to his destination, and sometimes his destruction, has grown from the 30-odd horsepower of the Model T to an astounding 250-plus horsepower today, and the end isn't in sight.

Although folks were amazed when Nick Cugnot went 2 1/2 miles per hour, the public thinks nothing (and the cops think little) of going 100 plus. From the black, box-like creations of a few years ago we have progressed (or regressed, some would say) to the rainbow-hued, rounded models of today. A black eye is no longer necessary to have complimentary colors on your car.

One of the recent models was known as the "inverted bathtub."

We have ashtrays, tissue holders, cigarette lighters, radio, air conditioners, heaters, and everything for our comfort, and one model even has a bed, while deluxe creations have a bar in the back seat. If present trends in auto-making continue, trailers may soon become obsolete.

This increased ease, including such things as reclining seats, has led many to wonder whether we may not one day lie down to drive our cars. And even Ford rides in luxury.

KICKING, screaming and threatening to slash my wrists, I was dragged in high dismay by my wife to the ballet last Monday night.

But it turned out to be something I'll never forget. It was something so far out of the everyday world that I just can't seem to put the effect into words.

Trailing my wife like a grouchy old bull that was headed for an arena, I elbowed my way through a sea of bobbing mink attached to women until I landed in Row 15, seat 23 of the Philharmonic Auditorium.

A SECOND or two after the lights went down, I nudged the wife. "I've just developed a claustrophobia," I said. But she didn't answer me because the curtain was going up to reveal a whole row of guys wearing long silk underwear and the prettiest girls imaginable who were garbed in little more than . . . well, I guess you'd . . . anyway, they looked like they were wearing frowzy pink lampshades.

At this point my interest picked up. Pretty soon they all began romping around the stage on tiptoes.

The guys may have been wearing long silk underwear, but they weren't exactly dandies. They tossed the gals around like volley balls.

Everything revolved around a little, dark-eyed girl named Maria Taltchief. She is one of the most exquisite creatures I have ever seen.

Through motion and musical inflection, they managed to convey a story to us . . . a story containing plot and emotion . . . yet, they spoke no words.

The realization struck me that I'd been dragged into something I never knew existed.

IT WAS THE Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo in action. They managed to establish a sort of bond with the audience that was strong enough to make each person believe in his own mind that he was alone, and that the entire affair was presented for his benefit.

At least that's the way it seemed to me during the "Ballet Imperial."

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

For those whose jaws are double hinged,

Here's a piece of good advice:

Before you say just what you think,

It would help if you think twice.

As far as speed records go, I think we had just as well stop the world and let Torrance get off.

For several years, reports have been coming through that this Air Force pilot set a new speed record between Los Angeles and Chicago, Palmdale and Keokuk, Boston and Cheyenne, or Long Beach and Seattle.

In vain we have waited for someone to set a speed record to or from Torrance, but we've given up.

Just the other day, now Lt. Victor M. Matloff roared to a new speed record between Palmdale and Macon, Ga. He did it up in a breathtaking 3 hours and 45 minutes, averaging 585 miles an hour.

If some young flyer really wants to get in the news around here, we might suggest that he sees how fast he can get from Torrance to Laguna Beach, as a starter. If he can set up a new record there, then there is no end to the advancement he can look forward to in future flights. He can go on setting records to Wichita, Kans.; Norfolk, Neb.; Ames, Ia.; or Lima, O. And we'll be happy to print his picture—possibly on the front page.

If anyone is thinking about holding a free-for-all eating contest, we'd like to nominate Police Officer H. G. "Zeke" Trezise, familiar to Torrance residents for a number of years as the pilot of the department's three-wheeled motorcycle who checks parking in the downtown area.

At this week's meeting of the Torrance Optimist Club, Zeke ate what must have been the equivalent of two fried chickens, thanks to the light appetites of some of his fellow club members. When someone overheard him singing the blues about the "light menu," he sent a huge slice of prime roast beef to his table. Zeke polished that off like it was a nickel candy bar, then went up with dessert. And, we can report that he didn't slyly the vegetables, salad, baked potato, or rolls. Didn't seem to bother him, however. He got right up behind the table and went bowling.

Headlines in a daily paper we saw the other day told of a firm which was convicted of "Smoggering." We know our preference is longer and harder to fit in headlines, but our choice is smogification—not smoggering.

IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL



JAMES FENIMORE COOPER-- American author, SERVED 2 YEARS AND 5 MONTHS IN A MIDSHIPMANS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY-- WITHOUT ONCE GOING TO SEA! HE WAS SINGING ON LAKE ONTARIO-- (1808-1851)



AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

The recent shake-up in the Soviet Union could not have come as a surprise to readers of "After Hours." Upon our return from the Iron Curtain mission behind the Iron Curtain, we wrote in "After Hours" from Belgrade, Yugoslavia. . . "Malenkov's days are numbered. This reporter noted that Malenkov's portraits were missing from public places behind the Iron Curtain. The most frequent portrait displayed in the homes and public places was that of Marshal Georgi Zhukov."

On May 20, 1954, under the heading "Fleeing Red Spies Presage Fall of Malenkov," we said in this column: "With the execution of Lavrenti Beria and hundreds of his key men of the MVD, (the Soviet Secret Police), the position of Dictator Malenkov has deteriorated, not improved. In this confusion and dilemma, poised powerfully in the sidelines, stand the Soviet armies and their hero, Marshal Georgi Zhukov, who with Khrushchev, are the most powerful personalities in the Soviet Union today."

As of February, 1955, Khrushchev and Zhukov have become the undisputed leaders of the Soviet Union, in spite of the election of Bulganin as premier. The Russian army has moved to the top, along with its hero Marshal Zhukov, and will undoubtedly call the turns from now on out.

On Nov. 11, 1954, we said in "After Hours": "The Russian leadership is disunited. Malenkov, Molotov, Khrushchev are afraid of the Christian mass power in Russia, the Russian army and Marshal Georgi Zhukov."

The new Red-premier, Nikolai Alexandrovich Bulganin, at 60 is a notorious Communist-commissar. He is one of the few old Bolsheviks to stay in power after 37 years of internal upheaval in Russia. His title of "Marshal" is political. He was a political-commissar in the army and hated by career officers from Marshal Zhukov down.

Bulganin is a fanatical Communist, indeed a rare species inside any part of the Russian army. The army is predominantly Christian. Bulganin never led a Russian army in battle, never saw service in the field. His former position in the Kremlin as defense minister was despised by the Russian army. The rise of Bulganin to the premiership was significant only in the apparent effort of the Communist party to pacify the army, by removing Malenkov.

Immediately upon the resignation of Premier Georgi Malenkov, Nikita Khrushchev nominated Marshal Bulganin to succeed him and the Soviet parliament unanimously approved. In typical Communist "readjusting" fashion, Bulganin, in his acceptance speech, nominated Khrushchev (already a deputy premier under former dictator Malenkov) as minister of defense. This appointment lasted less than two hours. What went on in the two hours of the appointment of Khrushchev, Marshal Bulganin announced that Marshal Georgi Zhukov will be the new minister of defense, while Khrushchev retains his old posts as deputy premier and first secretary of the party. This sudden switch is the most significant event in the recent internal Communist upheaval, in the opinion of this reporter. The power of Marshal Zhukov is unmistakable today.

The undisputed hero in the Communist Party in Russia is undoubtedly Nikita A. Khrushchev. He thus becomes dictator of Russia, with Premier Bulganin as the "front man." Khrushchev's present position can be compared to Stalin's, who was the ruler of Russia since the death of Lenin in 1924, without actually holding the premiership all of that time. But as was the case during Stalin's regime since the end of World War II, another power started to rise in Russia and with it a very prominent Russian personality. The power is the Russian army . . . and the personality, Marshal Georgi Zhukov, the hero of Stalingrad, Moscow and Leningrad, and the army-leader, credited with the strategy that defeated the Nazi armies in World War II.

Zhukov is the most powerful personality in Russia today for two important reasons: 1. He is a Christian and not a member of the Communist Party, as such. Since the preponderant population of Russia is Christian (out of 200,000,000 over 100,000,000 have religious ties, Christian Orthodox, Moslem, Jew, etc.), a religious military leader has enormous popularity and support. 2. Marshal Zhukov is the counterpart in Russia of Generals MacArthur, Eisenhower in the United States, as the most respected military hero of Russia. But it is Zhukov's Christian faith that makes him the most powerful single personality in Russia today.

On my last trip to Germany an exiled Russian patriot told me that out of 200,000,000 people, over 100,000,000 are Christians (Russian and Greek Orthodox) and attend church in Russia. He also told me that his experience with the Russian army during World War II indicated that some 80 per cent of the troops were Christians. He pointed out that since the overwhelming majority of the civilians and the army were Christians, Zhukov's power and popularity bordered on a Christian crusade against Communist atheism.

Most people in the United States are of the opinion that only a member of the Communist Party can hold a job in Russia. This is not true. Many important posts are held by non-Communists. This is especially true in the Russian army. So long as a person has something to contribute to the Soviet state, his ability is recognized and utilized, even though he is not a member of the party. As a matter of fact, the Communist party prefers to keep membership at a minimum, in order to better control it. If the party were to launch a membership drive in Russia, in all probability it could increase from the present 5,000,000 Communist members to 50,000,000. Not because that many more people would join out of sheer economic advantages that accrue members of the party. A Communist can buy consumer goods at a lower price than a non-Communist. It is also apparent to the Communists that if they allowed their party to swell to 50,000,000, there is always the probability that Communism could be crushed from within.

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